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Honorable Thomas I. Vanaskie  
Middle District of Pennsylvania  
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Re: **United States v. Nassau Metals  
Corporation, et al., C.A. No.**

**3:96-CV-562 (Estate of Joseph Brenner)** OFFICE OF JUDGE VANASKIE

Dear Judge Vanaskie:

This is a status report regarding the above-referenced case with respect to the Estate of Joseph Brenner.

On December 20, 2000, the United States lodged a Consent Decree that has been executed by the United States and the representative of the Estate of Joseph Brenner. Thereafter, counsel for the United States followed the normal Department of Justice procedures for having notice of the Consent Decree published in the Federal Register. A request was forwarded on January 5, 2001 for the notice to be published. Although the request did reach the office responsible for placing the notice in the Federal Register, the notice was not published -- apparently because it was misplaced in that office. Upon determining this, counsel immediately forwarded a second request for publication.

The notice was published in the Federal Register on February 8, 2001, and therefore the thirty-day public comment period will expire on March 9, 2001. The notice appears in the Federal Register, Vol. 66, Number 27, Page 9597. Upon expiration of the public comment period, and depending upon the comments, if any, received, the United States will promptly submit a motion requesting that the Court enter the Consent Decree or take some other course of action.

The United States apologizes to the Court for the delay

experienced in getting the notice published in the Federal Register.

Sincerely,



Nat Douglas  
Trial Attorney  
Environmental Enforcement Section

cc: Bonnie Pugh Winkler, EPA  
Martin Cohn, Counsel for Estate of Joseph Brenner



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**SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:** Pursuant to a request from your office, please find enclosed a letter status report regarding the case referenced in the attached letter. A copy of this letter has been forwarded to Martin D. Cohn, counsel for the Estate of Joseph Brenner.